

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1.     A seat for a vehicle, the seat comprising:  
2                     a seat back coupled to the vehicle;  
3                     a seat base coupled to the vehicle and configured to rotate from a  
4     seating position to a stored position;  
5                     a leg assembly having a leg member coupled to the seat base and  
6     configured to rotate from a deployed position to a retracted position; and  
7                     an indicator coupled to the seat to indicate a predetermined  
8     condition of the seat base.

1           2.     The seat of claim 1, including a leg detent coupled to the vehicle  
2     and configured to engage the leg assembly when the leg assembly is in the  
3     deployed position.

1           3.     The seat of claim 1, including a cable coupled to the seat back and  
2     the leg assembly, wherein the cable moves the leg assembly from the deployed  
3     position to the retracted position when the seat base is moved from the seating  
4     position to the stored position and the leg assembly clears a cargo zone located  
5     under at least a portion of the seat base.

1           4.     The seat of claim 1, including a leg bracket coupled to the leg  
2     assembly wherein the leg bracket disengages the leg member from the seat base  
3     when a predetermined force on the leg member is exceeded.

1           5.     The seat of claim 1 including a biasing assembly coupled to the  
2     seat base and leg assembly to assist in moving the leg assembly from the  
3     deployed position to the retracted position.

1           6.     The seat of claim 1, wherein the indicator includes an actuator  
2     mounted in the leg detent and configured to contact the leg assembly when the  
3     leg assembly is properly engaged with the leg detent.

1           7.     The seat of claim 6, wherein the indicator is one of a mechanical  
2 member and an electric device.

1           8.     A rear seat of a passenger carrying vehicle, the rear seat  
2 comprising:  
3                 a seat back coupled to the vehicle;  
4                 a seat base coupled to the vehicle and configured to rotate from a  
5 seating position to a stored position;  
6                 a leg assembly coupled to the seat base and configured to rotate  
7 from a deployed position to a retracted position; and  
8                 an indicator coupled to the seat to indicate a predetermined  
9 condition of the seat base.

1           9.     The rear seat of claim 8, including a leg detent coupled to the  
2 vehicle and configured to engage the leg assembly when the leg assembly is in  
3 the deployed position.

1           10.    The rear seat of claim 8, including a cable coupled to the seat back  
2 and the leg assembly, wherein the cable moves the leg assembly from the  
3 deployed position to the retracted position when the seat base is moved from  
4 the seating position to the stored position and the leg assembly clears a cargo  
5 zone located under at least a portion of the seat base.

1           11.    The rear seat of claim 8, including a removable bracket coupled to  
2 the leg assembly wherein the removable bracket disengages the leg assembly  
3 from the seat base when a predetermined force on the leg assembly is  
4 exceeded.

1           12.    The rear seat of claim 8, including a biasing assembly coupled to  
2 the seat base and leg assembly to assist in moving the leg assembly from the  
3 deployed position to the retracted position.

1           13.    The rear seat of claim 8, wherein the indicator includes an actuator  
2    mounted in the leg detent and configured to contact the leg assembly when the  
3    leg assembly is properly engaged with the leg detent.

1           14.    The rear seat of claim 13, wherein the indicator is one of a  
2    mechanical member and an electric device.

1           15.    A method for automatic retraction of a leg assembly coupled to a  
2    vehicle seat mounted in a vehicle, with the vehicle seat including a seat back  
3    and a seat base, the method comprising the steps of:

4                    providing a cable of a predetermined length;

5                    coupling one end of the cable to the seat back; and

6                    coupling another end of the cable to the leg assembly,

7                    wherein the leg assembly moves from a deployed position to a  
8    retracted position as the seat base is moved from a seating position to a  
9    retracted position and the leg assembly clears a cargo zone located under at  
10   least a portion of the seat base.

1           16.    The method of claim 15, including the step of providing a biasing  
2    member coupled to the leg assembly and the seat base configured to bias the  
3    leg assembly from the deployed position to the retracted position to assist a  
4    user of the vehicle seat to move the seat base.

1           17.    The method of claim 15, including the step of providing a leg  
2    detent coupled to the vehicle and configured to engage the leg assembly when  
3    the leg assembly is in the deployed position.

1           18.    The method of claim 15, including the step of providing an  
2    indicator coupled to one of the leg detent and the seat base to indicate a  
3    predetermined condition of the seat base.

1           19.    The method of claim 18, wherein the indicator includes an actuator  
2    mounted in the leg detent and configured to contact the leg assembly when the  
3    leg assembly is properly engaged with the leg detent.

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- 1           20.   The method of claim 15, including the step of providing a leg
- 2    bracket coupled to the leg assembly wherein the leg bracket disengages
- 3    the leg member from the seat base when a predetermined force on the leg
- 4    member is exceeded